SEASON REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 1885.

Bangalore District.

Rain-fall.—One inch and seventy cents of rain were gauged at head-quarters, Bangalore.

Very little rain fell in the District during the period under report, the average being 1 inch 47 cents.

State of the Crops.—Standing dry and wet crops generally reported to have been withering for want of sufficient rain. Ploughing and sowing operations were much retarded.

Horse-gram, sesamum, ragi, punaji paddy and harka, &c., were sown in parts of the District and sesamum, (1st sort) and sugar-cane harvested in 3 taluks.

Public Health.—Good.

There were 3 fatal cases of cholera in the Town of Bangalore and one in Agara village of the same Taluk.

Mortality.—There were 805 deaths in July against 648 in the preceding month, being an increase of 157.

Cattle.—Two thousand one hundred and sixty-eight head of cattle died during the month from all causes against 1,924 in the previous month; of these 145 were killed by wild beasts.

Lands.—Lands assessed at Rs. 3,149—3—5 were taken up for cultivation.

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Shimoga District.

Rain-fall.—Rain gauged during the month was as follows:—

		I.	C.				I.	C.
Shimoga	..	3	61	Sagar	..	..	2	14
Channagiri	..	2	66	Nagar	..	..	51	80
Honnali	..	1	75	Tirthahalli	..	..	30	2½
Shikarpur	..	6	0	Davangere	..	..	1	20
Sorab	..	13	66					

Thermometer.—The average readings of the thermometer at Shimoga were 77·03 at 9-30 A. M. and 78·96 at 3-30 P. M.

Seeds sown.—Horse-gram, ragi, jola, oil-seeds, yellu, navane, togari and cotton seeds.

Condition of Crops.—Rain is much needed, the standing dry crops which were hitherto in good condition are rapidly withering.

Crops harvested.—Black-gram and yellu.

Health.—Generally good. Fever and cold are prevailing in parts of the District.

Lands.—Lands assessed at Rs. 1,946—10—0 were taken up for cultivation and those at Rs. 95—12—0 were relinquished during the month.

Prices.—Rising.

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